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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Igor V. GOUMENNY (Ukraine)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 12th, 15th, 42nd, 43rd, 46th and 47th meetings, on 23 and 29 October and 12, 13, 17 and 18 December 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.12, 15, 42, 43, 46 and 47).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.28

3. At its 47th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain items" (A/C.5/51/L.28), which had been submitted by the Chairman.

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement and orally amended the draft decision by deleting items 121, United Nations common system, and 122, United Nations pension system.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/51/L.28, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.29

6. At its 47th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998" (A/C.5/51/L.29), which had been submitted by the Chairman.

7. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement and orally amended the annex to the draft decision by inserting a new item in section A, after item 11, and in section B, after item 14, reading:

> "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services"

and renumbering the subsequent items accordingly.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/51/L.29, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Action taken on certain items

The General Assembly decides that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items and relevant reports at its resumed fifty-first session:

Item 111: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;

Item 112: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

Item 115: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;

Item 116: Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

Item 119: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

Item 120: Human resources management;

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon;

Item 124: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;

Item 125 (a): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

Item 126: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

Item 128: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus;

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia;

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti;

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

Item 137: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan;

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Item 140: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Item 141: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium;

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force;

Item 157: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti.

DRAFT DECISION II

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approves the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998, annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998

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4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

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11. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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13. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

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